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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Preliminary to action on the subject application, please amend as follows:

In the specification:

On page 13 lines 22, 28, 34 (twice) and page 14, lines 12, 19 (twice) and 27, change "N" to N/mm<sup>2</sup>.